

Aqeedah Corner: Mu'jizah Or Miracle

Prophets, since they are unique, in that they are sent to deliver a message from Allah ' must have a distinguishing mark as proof that they were sent by Allah. If this were not so then anyone could claim that -he was Allah's messenger or prophet and humanity would have no way to judge if he were lying or telling the truth.

Miracles are the proofs which each messenger has made which distinguishes him from anyone else, and allows us to discern who was actually sent by Allah, and who is a fraud. A miracle is an actual alteration and change of one or more laws of nature. Since, as was illustrated before, no created thing has full or partial control over the forces and laws of the universe, if there is a suspension of one of these laws, then it could only have been done by Allah the Master-controller (magic is not altering a law of nature, rather magic deals with tricking or fooling the senses to believe that a natural law was altered). Therefore, only those who were sent by Allah can be said to have done miracles, and these miracles were undertaken by the permission of Allah, and these miracles were done as a proof to the authenticity of the messenger and his message being from Allah. Allah says in the Qur'an:

TMQ: *"And you will find that Allah's Sunnah (natural and universal laws) cannot be changed."*

In the case of Prophet Musa, the Qur'an mentioned (Surah 26: 23-5 1) an occurrence between him and Pharaoh. Prophet Musa threw his stick or staff and it became a snake. When Pharaoh saw it, he claimed it was magic, and so he sent for his magicians in order for them to duel with the perceived magic of Prophet Musa. At the beginning of the duel, Prophet Musa invited them to begin and so they threw their sticks. They did so, and it appeared to the people that the sticks turned into snakes. Musa then threw his stick and it turned in a real snake and gobbled up the sticks of Pharaoh's magicians. When the magicians saw this, they wasted no time in accepting the message Musa brought and declared their belief in Allah. Pharaoh became angry and threatened to cut their hands and feet on opposite sides and to crucify them, but they still insisted on their believe 'M Allah and the message of Prophet Musa. If their sticks had actually turned into snakes, they would not have rushed to belief in Allah, rather at the very most they would have considered Musa to be a well experienced magician, as was proposed by Pharaoh. However, they realised that a natural or universal law had been altered, and they realised that this could only have been done by Allah, the Master-controller, and they realised that Prophet Musa was a messenger of the Master-controller, and immediately chose to submit their will to Him.

The Qur'an informs us about the miracles of some of the Prophets. For example, the camel of Prophet Salih; the ability of Prophet Sulayman to communicate and rule over the animal kingdom; the speaking of Prophet Isa as a new born baby, and about how he cured certain diseases which remain incurable nowadays with all the modern medicines and technologies; and the Israa of Prophet Muhammad, and Qur'an, which by itself is the miracle prophet Muhammad was given to prove his prophethood. In other words, Qur'an is a miracle as well as a message. This message includes the Sunnah.

Since all prophets before Prophet Muhammad were sent to specific places for specific time periods, their miracles would last for the variation of their message. Prophet Muhammad, however, was sent to all humanity until the end of time, so his miracle has to last until the end of time. lie miracle of Prophet Muhammad that will last until the day of Judgement is the Qur'an. Therefore nowadays we witness the same miracle that was witnessed by Abu Bakr, Umar and the rest of the Sahabah, and which will be witnessed by mankind in the future. Therefore, we ought to think, believe the same way the Sahaba used to. That is to think about the Qur'an and reach from this thinking that this book is indeed Allah's word, then believe based on this that Muhammad who brought this miracle is the messenger of Allah. Moreover, we have to believe in all miracles the prophet (PBU) brought without any justification by our limited thinking. For example, we have to believe in Isrra the way it is mentioned in Al-Qur'an. Any attempt to compare this miracle with space travel or to claim that Muhammad's spirit was so strong that it controlled his body and disabled the natural law that made his body in no need for food, air or being affected by time travel is absurd. Even if our intention is

to simplify the concept of **ISRR** to those who cannot comprehend it. Also, the revelation cannot be explained as **ELECTROMAGNETIC** wave transference. Such approach means that we do not believe in the miracle.

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